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(54) Coated hard-alloy blade member.

(57) A coated hard alloy blade member is disclosed which includes a substrate formed of a hard alloy of a WC-based cemented carbide or a TiCN-based cermet, and a hard coating deposited on the substrate. The hard coating includes an inner layer of TiCN having unilaterally grown crystals of an elongated shape and an outer layer of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> having a crystal form  $x$  or  $x + \alpha$  wherein  $x > \alpha$ . The resulting blade member is highly resistant to wear and fracturing, and possesses cutting ability of a higher level.